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## **Yes, Romulus. There is a Santa Claus!** **EDS Withdraws Operating License Application**

(LANSING)- Christmas may have come early for the people of Romulus and the entire Downriver region. State Senator Ray Basham announced this evening that Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) has unexpectedly withdrawn its controversial petition to establish a nearby hazardous waste injection well.

“I can’t imagine a better Christmas gift to the people of Romulus than the news that they may not be forced to share their community with a hazardous waste facility,” said Sen. Basham. “The environmental risks involved with this project were a concern to the entire Downriver region.”

EDS submitted a letter to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) today officially withdrawing its application for a hazardous waste facility operating license. The company was forced to withdraw its application when regulators discovered defective equipment and structures on the facility- including an inadequately constructed containment wall.

“EDS submitted a professional certification that their hazardous wastes facility was constructed in compliance with the permit requirements, but that simply was not the case. The problems discovered by DEQ regulators were considerable and would have posed a serious public health risk if the facility had been allowed to open,” said Sen. Basham. “This clearly reinforces the concerns we have raised all along challenging the integrity and trustworthiness of the individuals associated with this project.”

If EDS elects to resubmit its application for an operating license, the application must include certification that all identified problems have been remedied. The application process would also have to start all over again, including the public testimony phase.

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